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Back row from left: Alla Lake, ACE; Laurretta Baugh, ACE; County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters; School Board Member Abbey Crowley; City Councilmembers Ed Putens and Leta Mach; Mayor Judith Davis; Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts; Jeff Morissette (partially hidden), ACE. Front row, from left: Barbara Parker, Greenbelt Elementary; Brad Frome, representing the District 22 state legislators; Paulette Duncan, Greenbelt Middle; Allison Galloway, Eleanor Roosevelt; Linda Wilson, St. Hugh's; Phyllis Gillens, Magnolia; Bonita Gregory, Springhill Lake; and Eva Griffin, ACE chair.

ACE Honors Local Educators

by Thomas X. White

On Monday, March 14 the Greenbelt City Council honored local teachers who received the Advisory Committee on Education's 2005 Educator Awards. The presentation included a reception for the awardees, their families and colleagues at 7:30 p.m. The event took place at the beginning of the regular council meeting.

ACE Chairperson Eva Griffin and her committee hosted the program. In addition to the ACE awards, the recipients also accepted congratulations and tokens of appreciation from the city council, the county council, the board of education and the representatives of District 22 state legislators.

Griffin introduced the members of the ACE Committee: LaShelle Ferguson, vice chair of ACE and a 7th grade language arts teacher at Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School in Laurel; Sudhanshu Sinha, a senior application developer for

Ingenium Corporation; Dr. Raymond Peterson, chairman and chief scientific officer of Celadon Laboratories in Hyattsville; Alla Lake, a technical consultant with Lake Information Systems; Dr. Jeff Morissette, an Earth Systems scientist at Goddard Space Flight Center; Kathy Lewis, a case administrator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Greenbelt; and Wendy Wexler, Greenbelt staff liaison to the ACE Committee.

Griffin also welcomed the guest presenters for the evening: Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters; Abbey Crowley, member of the Prince George's Board of Education; Brad Frome, on the staff of Delegate Justin Ross; and Pamela Shurkin, representing Senator Paul Pinsky of the 22nd Legislative District.

Each awardee received the ACE award, a solid marble red apple on a holder engraved for the recipient. This year the educator honorees also each received

a purple T-shirt which the ACE committee designed themselves with a logo "ACE Learners" designed by Morissette.

Honorees

Barbara Packer, a first-grade teacher from Greenbelt Elementary School, has been an educator in Prince George's County for 28 years. Working collaboratively with her first-grade team for the past nine years, she has been a teacher mentor for many of the first-year teachers.

From Springhill Lake Elementary School, Bonita (Bonnie) Gregory, is honored for her service as both a classroom teacher and technology coordinator. Using the computer lab, Gregory created and maintained a program that boosts mathematics skills in SHL children.

This year's winner from Magnolia Elementary School is Principal Phyllis Gillens. The staff recognition committee that nominated Gillens wrote, "The school would be lost without the leadership that comes from its beloved principal. Her mission is academic achievement for all – parents, staff and students."

The honoree from St. Hugh's School is Linda Wilson, the

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Spring Forward This Sunday

It's once again time to reset clocks – biological and mechanical. Daylight Savings Time starts this Sunday, April 3 at 2 a.m. Turn clocks forward one hour or be an hour late everywhere. The lost hour of sleep this process incurs may be regained the last Sunday in October, when clocks will be turned back again for Standard Time.

Greenway Center Owners Pleased with Life in the City

by Virginia Beauchamp

So how are you doing? How successful is the Greenway Center?

City Manager Michael McLaughlin used these questions to sum up a Greenbelt City Council worksession in the Community Center on Wednesday, March 23. He was addressing the two representatives of the commercial center in Greenbelt East: Stephen H. Halle, vice president for property management of Combined Properties, owner of the shopping center and Eric Fenner, its property manager.

In reply Halle ticked off a list of positives. It's visible, there's a lot of traffic, the sales volume is increasing, rents are increasing a small amount each year, there are very few complaints, the tenants are happy, there's not a lot of crime, it's well-maintained and all stores are under lease. That assessment summed up the tenor of a generally upbeat meeting.

With the recent additions of Pier 1 and PetSmart to the list of merchants, Halle said, and a soon-to-open salon and spa called Blush, no vacancies will remain in the busy shopping center. Also on the positive side, he added, a four-year plan to upgrade the area with replacement pavements and street striping is

now halfway completed.

Wider crosswalks at the Safeway will be part of new road work to be completed this year, he said. In some places traffic bumps have already been installed to slow the pace of traffic. Management makes a particular effort to repair "car eaters," the kind of pothole that can occur overnight. They try to have these patched right away, he said. New landscaping is also being phased in.

Security Issues

Several officers from the Greenbelt Police Department now serve during off-duty hours as a security detail at the center, Fenner said. In the course of a week about a dozen officers put in time there, he said, and two officers are on duty at any one time. They are regularly scheduled from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. In addition, some merchants maintain in-store security.

Although robberies occurred in the last quarter of 2004 at two of the center's restaurants, none has taken place since then, Halle said.

Negatives

From the perspective of Combined Properties, only one negative issue seemed to mar the

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Hats, Gloves, Tea, O'Boyle And "View from Ridge Road"

by Mary Lou Williamson

Christina O'Boyle returns to Greenbelt on Sunday, April 3 as a part of the city's Artful Afternoon program. She is the featured speaker at the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum's tea in the dining room of the Community Center. Ladies are invited to wear their spring hats and gloves (if they choose), sip tea and remember as O'Boyle tells about and reads from her new book, "looking for lightheartedness." The tea begins at 2 p.m. The public is invited to this free event.

For seven years in the 1990's O'Boyle's warm and friendly column, "The View from Ridge Road," appeared frequently in this newspaper. She wrote about her life in Greenbelt, peering beneath the surface to discover the "significance of what percolated through a seemingly ordinary life." That ordinary but "sweet life of a lucky girl," she wrote, was also sprinkled with "the pain of infertility and then the joy of adoption."

O'Boyle has gathered those columns as well as ones she later wrote from her new home in Severna Park and published a book with a number of her photographs. The book will be avail-



able for sale at the tea and at the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store. She will sign her book during the tea.

For 18 years Christina O'Boyle and her family lived on Ridge Road in historic Greenbelt in the house with the turret. From 1983 to 1987 she worked on the city's 50th Anniversary Committee to help establish the Greenbelt Museum. As a museum curator at the Decatur House in Washington, D.C., O'Boyle provided professional guidance during those early years of planning for the museum.

What Goes On

Saturday, April 2

9 a.m. to noon, Potomac Watershed Cleanup, Northway Tributary of Beaver Dam Creek. Meet at Northway Park; SHL stream, meet behind SHL Recreation Center

Sunday, April 3

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, April 4

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center, Room 112

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Community Meeting Room

8 p.m., Budget Worksession, Overview, Revenues and General Government, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, April 5

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center

Wednesday, April 6

8 p.m., Budget Worksession, Planning and Community Development, Capital Projects, Community Center

Thursday, April 7

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Boardroom

Letters to the Editor

Questioning Authority?

Question: How do you tell spring has sprung in Greenbelt?

Answer: Look for skateboarders sitting on curbs surrounded by police vehicles while the Code Enforcement guy writes citation after citation. This was the scene on March 22, a picture perfect evening at the fringe of Roosevelt Center.

As a parent of one of these outcasts I felt disappointed and disheartened by both the authorities and the young people involved. You see this has been going on for too long. Since the skateboarders were cooperating with officials, I felt I must at least inquire as to what was transpiring.

After greeting the detective I asked him two things. One, where were they allowed to skate? And, two, what exactly does the Code on skateboarding say? His response to the first question was that at this time there was no place for them to skate. (The temporary skate park has been closed for some time now and a much talked-about park has still not broken ground.) Asking the detective what exactly should a parent tell his child and his child's friends concerning this issue, his reply was sincere yet void of any solution. He understood the dilemma and actually sided with empathy with the boys.

I agreed that the area can be construed as dangerous and that they should skate somewhere else. "But where?" continued to nag at me as it has for five long years. I have spoken at many a meeting with many city officials as to how best to allow my son and his friends to enjoy their chosen recreational outlet. I have trouble saying sport because most sports are encouraged and embraced in Greenbelt with facilities and spaces to provide a safe place to perform and hone athletic skills. We have pools, tennis courts, ball fields, gymnasiums but no adequate place for skateboarding.

I find this disturbing, yet not as disturbing as the answer to my second question. The answer to the question as to what the code against skateboarding spells out is that skateboarding is not allowed on any city property! Which must mean sidewalks, parking lots and roads. Can this mean you cannot skateboard to work or to school or to a public meeting or to a neighbor or

friend's house? I also have never seen any bike riders sitting on curbs receiving citations for riding through Roosevelt Center. Nor have I seen any pet owners sitting on curbs to get their citations for not scooping or having a pet off a leash. Maybe it's just me in thinking these skateboarders are being singled out. Yes, they were wrong to be in an area they should not be in but that area appears to be all of Greenbelt.

I don't want to minimize the safety issue but is this our tallest order of the day? By nature skateboarders push the envelope with their creativity and their daring. If you have a child who pushes the envelope you know the struggle between dampening their spirits and challenging their potential. Again I ask, what is a parent to do? I can't help but feel this is an injustice to our youth. The people in life that I have looked to for guidance have always tried to right the wrongs of society, i.e., Ghandi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and Jesus the Christ.

So I request two things. That the officials return the skateboards to these kids, rip up those citations and get together to find a solution to this issue before the spring weather arrives to stay. The other request is to have the code governing skateboarding in Greenbelt be printed in the News Review for all to see.

Doug Mangum

Greenbelt Is Great!

On Tuesday, March 15, my fiancé grabbed some food with a friend and sat on one of the benches at the food co-op to eat his snack. When he left the co-op, he forgot his carrying bag that contained checkbooks, a handheld recorder and a few other important items. After he had realized the loss he went back to find it and it was gone. He reported the incident to the Greenbelt Police but we held

little hope that he would get his items back.

However, Greenbelt is a special place. The following morning as he was on his way back to the car to look one last time, he found that the bag had been placed between our doors by the good Samaritan who must have found it. Nothing was missing and the bag was in perfect shape. We never found out the identity of the person who returned the bag but we are grateful. That's never happened to me before. I've never had anything lost/stolen that has then been returned to me unharmed.

There was no note but we wish to thank sincerely the wonderful mystery person who returned it. We really do live in a terrific community and it gladdens my heart to see that proven yet again.

Izolda Trakhtenberg

Iguana History

A slight but slithery correction –

Thanks again for the mention of the latest Iguana Review in last week's paper. Just a minor note, to those who might care, and there may be one or two. Emily Nutku, although not a contributor to the review, was nevertheless instrumental in bringing it about through her desire to keep the Poetry Plus group going when others wanted to drop it. Some of us met at that group and moved it forward to create the Iguana Review.

Also of note, Anne Sucher is not only a contributor but does the editing and layout, so special thanks to her. Only through the inspiration and efforts of all those involved was it possible to birth that rare but exotic creature, the Greenbelt Iguana.

So thanks again. Another way to submit poetry, pictures or art is electronically by email iguanareview@yahoo.com.

Write-on . . .

Robert Baluch

Grin Belt



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"They have a dog swim, what about us squirrels?"

On Screen

Million Dollar Boys

"Millions" comes to Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, April 1 on the heels of "Million Dollar Baby." But where the moolah in "Baby" is generated by a tough lady boxer, in "Millions" it all but lands in the laps of two young British brothers who have just lost their mother and moved to a new neighborhood: 7-year-old Damian (Alexander Nathan Etel) and 9-year-old Anthony (Lewis Owen McGibbon). What should these kids do with such a huge windfall? Never mind getting locked in a candy store overnight; they have to wrestle with their imaginations and their consciences.

This is where director Danny Boyle, who has dealt before with the underworld (e.g., "Trainspotting"), comes in. He has won high marks for creating a convincing children's perspective – if with doses of special effects. In the process he salts in wry humor and brings out the pair of neophyte actors. The film was adapted by Frank Cottrell Boyce from his own newly-published children's book. PG, 98 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Correction – Not So Cool

We got a letter from the folks who run Old Greenbelt Theatre challenging us to "get it right!" They were right, we didn't do our homework. While the photo in last week's News Review showed the big air conditioner being hoisted to the top of the building in Roosevelt Center that contains the theater, that unit will cool the new Pleasant Touch rooms currently being renovated on the second floor.

The theater is already pleasantly cooled, if we remember correctly from last summer.

The News Review regrets the error.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 7, 2005, 7:30 p.m.
GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items

- Marketing Committee Charter Revised
- Proposed Media Policy
- Management Audit Report/Recommendations
- Request for Exception/Permission to Sublease
- Subleasing Policy Revision
- Contribution Requests
- Uniform Contract – 2nd Reading
- Spring Concrete Contract – 1st Reading
- Annual Meeting Agenda Topics
- 2005 Slate Roof Contract – 1st Reading
- Rules Change to Perimeter Fences

Regular board meetings are open to members.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of April 1

MILLIONS (PG)

Friday
*5:10, 7:30, 9:40
Saturday

FREE SHOW at Noon
"The Best of Milton Berl"
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*2:45, *5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday
*2:45, *5:10, 7:30

Monday-Thursday
*5:10, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Community Events

New Deal Sponsors Student Singers

Students of Izolda Trakhtenberg will perform the songs on which they have been working in a concert on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. The public is invited.

At the Library Children

Tuesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, April 7, – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children.

Adults:
Saturday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon – Poetry Plus. All are welcome and invited to bring copies of their own work or favorite poems. This month’s topic is “Politics.”

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Add Benedik to Board

The Greenbriar Community Association annual meeting was held on Tuesday, March 22. Forty-eight percent of the association, which includes Greenbriar Phases I, II and III and Glen Oaks, were represented in person or by proxy.

Gary Thomas’ term as Phase II representative on the board expired and Terry Benedik was elected to the board. Benedik will also be treasurer. Russell Vick was re-elected as Glen Oaks’ representative and will serve as a director. They join Barbara Smith, president; Nancy Waruch, vice-president; and Angeline Butler, secretary. The GCA board meets in Greenbriar’s Commons Room on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Explore Energy Of All Kinds

What do the human body, cars, homes and the planet all have in common? Energy! They all need and use energy.

Could being overweight be related to global warming? Do humans have their own form of photosynthesis? Could people get directly energized by the sun? Can the oil used in French fries also fuel cars? How is blood related to plants and ocean water? What food or supplements give humans energy? How can we fuel autos and homes with economical, renewable energy? What is the latest buzz with renewable energy systems?

Learn the answers to these and other questions about energy for the human body, shelter, travel and the planet on Friday, April 8, when Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Jay Green, M.S., R.D., scientific information specialist from the Agricultural Research Service National Visitor Center in Beltsville.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Peace Tree Project Comes to Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt has submitted an application to Prince George’s County for 25 free trees as part of the Livable Communities Initiative Peace Tree Project.

The city’s request includes five willow oaks, five red maples, five river birches, five sycamores and five sweetbay magnolias, all to be planted at Buddy Attick Park during the city’s April 16 Earth Day event.

The county asks that this planting event “be performed in the spirit and desire for mutual peace and in the promotion of livable communities, one community at a time.”

ERHS Class of 1995 To Hold Reunion

The 10th reunion of the class of 1995 of Eleanor Roosevelt High School will be held on June 4 at the Holiday Inn in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. For up to date information on the reunion and a list of classmates, check the name of the school at the website www.greatreunions.com.

Star Party Saturday

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will host a star party this Saturday, April 2 at 6 p.m., at the Wolfe Ball Fields at the end of Northway Extended. The club and its members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects.

Future astronomy events can be found at the club website: <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies, the star party will be cancelled without further notice.

Greens to Meet Here April 11

The Greenbelt Greens will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the public meeting room inside the Greenbelt Police Station, at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads. Tentative agenda topics include planning for the annual statewide Green Assembly to be held June 4 in Baltimore, Maryland General Assembly legislative wrap-up, report from April statewide coordinating council meeting, local environmental action updates (ICC, Indian Creek) and peace actions. For more information call Bob Auerbach at 202-722-4303.

Canine Testing Will Benefit Fire Dept.

AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing will be sponsored by Greenbelt Dog Training on Saturday, April 9 from noon to 3 p.m. The testing is being held as a benefit for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad (VFD&RS).

The event is open to all dogs, and mixed breeds are welcome. All dogs need proof of rabies shots.

Pet/owner photos are available and also a micro-chip clinic for dogs and cats. The fire department is located at 125 Crescent Road. There is a fee that will go directly to the VFD&RS.

For more information call 301-345-6999.

Capital Punishment Forgotten Victims

At the New Deal Café on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. there will be a discussion and book signing with anti-death penalty advocate Rachel King. King is the author of “Don’t Kill Our Names: Families of Murder Victims Speak Out Against the Death Penalty.” She will read excerpts from her new book, “Capital Consequences: Families of the Condemned Tell Their Stories.” Both books will be available for sale and for King to sign. The Greenbelt Greens will hold their April 6 meeting at this event.

The book tells the stories of the forgotten victims of the death penalty – the families of the convicted. Regardless of which side of the death penalty issue one is on, this book causes the reader to pause to consider that all acts, criminal and retributive, have broader human implications than are sometimes realized.

King is a lawyer and state campaign manager for the ACLU’s Capital Punishment Project; she works with state affiliates on their legislative campaigns to eliminate and reform death penalty laws.

The New Deal Café is in Roosevelt Center in old Greenbelt. For more information call the New Deal Café at 301-474-5642 or Bob Auerbach at 202-722-4303 or Abbi at 202-678-2319.

Tax Help for Seniors

“Tax Counseling for the Elderly,” free help with income taxes for senior citizens, began February 8 in the Greenbelt Library. This program will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until April 14.

To be eligible for the program, a couple’s income should be no more than \$45,000, a single person’s no more than \$25,000.

People are asked to bring all of their tax information, tax forms and a copy of last year’s tax return to the program.

To make an appointment call Collington Life Care Community at 301-541-5031.

“Eyes on the Sky” Lecture at Goddard

In honor of the World Year of Physics 2005, NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center invites people to a special series of lectures and discussions on cosmology and astrophysics with some of the world’s leading scientists. “Eyes on the Sky – Peeking into the Universe’s Past, Fathoming the Future” lectures are open to the public but are geared toward the high school/college level and above.

All lectures will take place on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. through May 12 at NASA Goddard’s Visitor Center. While the events are free, registration is required. For more information or to register, visit <http://university.gsfc.nasa.gov/eyeonthesky/> or call 301-286-8102.

The next lecture will be Thursday, April 7. Neil Gehrels from Goddard Space Flight Center will speak on “Gamma Ray Bursts: the Brightest Explosions in the Universe.”

Free Woodworking Class on Sunday

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will offer a free woodworking class on Sunday, April 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Entitled “A Taste of Woodworking,” the class is designed for youth, ages 9 - 12. Students will be introduced to a variety of woodworking techniques and will make a simple project to take home. There is no fee and walk-in registration is welcome. A parent or guardian will need to sign a waiver form.

For youths who would like to explore further the fine craft of woodworking, a four-session course on the subject begins Sunday, April 10 and runs through Sunday, May 1 (2 to 4 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.) Students will develop basic skills in cutting, drilling, gluing and sanding and will make several projects (including a rack to hold books or CDs.) There is a fee for this course but partial scholarship assistance is available.

The instructor for both programs is Steven Bernheisel, a professional carpenter and Greenbelt resident. In addition to being a skilled artisan, Bernheisel teaches



PHOTO BY BARBARA DAVIS

Woodworking instructor Steve Bernheisel at a recent Artful Afternoon.

classes and runs a woodworking open studio for the Arlington County Recreation Department. This past February he led a family woodworking workshop at the Greenbelt Community Center (as part of the city’s monthly Artful Afternoon). He is looking forward to working again with local youth and he welcomes the assistance of adult volunteers who would like to share their woodworking skills with a new generation.

Enrollment is ongoing and open to boys and girls ages 9 - 12. Participants may register in person at the Community Center or Youth Center or by mail. For more information see the recreation department spring brochure or call 240-542-2060 with questions or to volunteer.

Arts & Crafts Show, Vintage Jewelry Sale

Local artists and craftsmen will sell their products along with a collection of vintage and costume jewelry at an Arts and Crafts Show and Vintage Jewelry Sale on April 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, at 10 Ridge Road.

For more information contact 301-474-4223 by phone or visit www.mishkantorah.org. Admission is free and light refreshments will be available for purchase.

GHI Notes

The meeting schedule for Geenbelt Homes, Inc., for the week of April 4 includes:

April 6 – Worksession on Yard Line Issues, 7 p.m., Board Room

Synagogue Holds Forum on Food


On Sunday, April 3 at 11 a.m. the Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah will hold a forum on the food people buy at the grocery store. Where does it originate? How does it directly and indirectly impact the earth and people’s health? What are the Judaic ethical concerns? What are some things that consumers can do to nourish themselves in a way that is environmentally and humanly sustainable? The panel will include Michel Cavigelli of USDA, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and Mishkan Torah; Martha Tomecek of USDA, BARC and Mishkan Torah; and Rabbi Jonathan Cohen of Mishkan Torah.

The forum is free, open to the public and pegged for free-flowing discussion.

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To bring you

Healthy Kids Day

Sat., April 2, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Centre Court in Beltway Plaza
FUN & GAMES
for kids and the whole family

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6000 Greenbelt Road
301-345-1500

Target, Value City, Burlington Coat Factory, Giant Food, Marshall's,
AMC Theatres, Jeepers, Gold's Gym, Jo-Ann Fabrics, CVS

Obituaries

William Siegel

William (Bill) Siegel, 94, a Greenbelt pioneer, died on March 14, 2005, at his home. He had been a Greenbelt resident for 67 years.

Mr. Siegel was born in Staten Island, New York, in 1910 to Russian immigrant parents. In 1935 he came to Washington, D.C., where he met his future wife Mattie. They were married in 1937. Mr. Siegel and his wife settled in Greenbelt in 1938.

In the early years Mr. Siegel was active in various aspects of the Greenbelt community. He was manager of the Greenbelt Variety Store and the North End Co-op Food Store. He was also active in the Greenbelt Athletic Club. Mr. Siegel was an avid fan and supporter of the Greenbelt Softball League and was present at most of its home games for many years. He was also active in local politics and ran for the city council. In recent years he was pleased to have been made an honorary member of the Greenbelt High School Alumni.

Mr. Siegel was predeceased by his wife Mattie. He is survived by his brothers David and Ralph Siegel and his daughters and their spouses – Carole Siegel, Betty and Nelson Rodgers, Billie and Clyde Garrett and Rosemary and Tom Tucker. He took immense pride in his seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Capitol Hospice or a charity of one's choice. Donations mailed to Capitol Hospice, P.O. Box 1576, Merrifield, VA 22116 should be marked for "Beltsville Office."



Footloose: Taking a Swing at Spring

by Eli Flam



Spring has been coming in with a bang (whimperers need not apply) every Monday and Wednesday since March for a bunch of not-so-olddimers at the Youth Center gym. And if no rain, they'll stretch, throw and bat outside on Braden Field. All over 60, the Greenbelters are getting ready for the 2005 Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League (BBSSL). And like baseball's Big Leagues, BBSSL throws out its first balls by mid-April. If you're over 60 and may be interested in playing, check it out now.

Instead of fast pitch, the league calls for slow, i.e., a looping, underhand (!) delivery to the plate. For a bonus, add an extra infielder and outfielder to the normal nine for defense and designated hitters/runners too.

For safety's sake, base runners can overrun second and third. To score, the runner must stomp a parallel home plate before the catcher gets a throw-in. Living closest to the Youth Center and Braden Field are varied, veteran 'belters Al, Bert, Lefty, Sterling and – full disclosure – yours truly. The roster reaches out further for manager (and pitcher) Ray, Irv, Paul, Larry, Rodney, John B. and John S., Harlan, Fred, Dugan and newcomer Jim (as Werner heads to Montana and Ernst has to drop out). In his 80s and seriously ill, Wirtha is doubly missed.

There's still time for curious, footloose souls of a certain age to come by on a Monday or Wednesday by April 13 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Or call Ray Reed at 301-568-6977.

Just like in the Bigs, if you've got a charleyhorse or demanding personal doings during the season, down time is yours. Remember, though, in spring a not-so-young-man's fancy turns to thoughts of . . .

Talk on Stem Cell Research on April 8

Stem cell research in Israel will be the subject of a discussion at Mishkan Torah Synagogue's Erev Shabbat service on Friday, April 8. Shirley Blumberg of Hadassah will introduce the subject. The service begins at 8 p.m. and is open to the public.

Mishkan Torah Synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road. For more information contact 301-474-4223 by phone or visit www.mishkantorah.org.

Hospice Offers Volunteer Training

Hospice of the Chesapeake seeks patient care volunteers to provide support and companionship to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones throughout Prince George's County. Volunteers are also needed for community outreach.

Classes will be held on Saturdays, April 16, April 23 and April 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Landover.

To register for free patient care training classes contact Julie Medlin, Volunteer Coordinator, by phone at 301-499-4500 or by email to jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of pioneer William Siegel. Our sympathy to his family.

Our condolences to Alice and to Malia, Joe and Jonathan Murray on the death of their father/grandfather, Stanley Chervinsky, of Niagara Falls, N.Y. Alice is a former News Review staffer.


Greenbelt's own Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette will be one of three artists exhibiting at the Glenview Mansion in Rockville from April 3 through 26. The exhibit opens Sunday, April 3 from 1 to 4 p.m., with a performance of the Vocal Arts Society at 2 p.m. Morisette's website is at <http://home.comcast.net/~rugworks/>.

The congregation at Holy Cross Lutheran Church was delighted to see retired Pastor Ed Birner among worshipers on Easter. Birner has been recuperating at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville.

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Sun., March 27	Easter Services, including our "Overjoyed" Choir's musical, "The Way, The Truth, The Life," 8:35 & 11 a.m.


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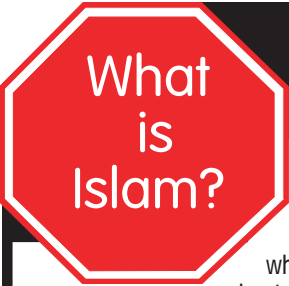


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There is much injustice in the world today. Don't let the hectic pace of your daily activities allow you to overlook the plight of those who are struggling around you, near and far. To find out more about the concept of justice in Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail searchislam@mail.com or visit www.learnaboutislam.org.



Hearing on Sites for New High School

A joint public hearing to consider four proposed locations for a new North County high school will be held Monday, April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the North-western High School cafeteria, Hyattsville. The hearing is co-hosted by the Prince George’s County Council, the Board of Education and the County Executive.

Four sites are being examined. Three of the four are near the far western edge of the county in the Buck Lodge – Adelphi – Langley Park area and the fourth is in the town of Riverdale Park east of Rt. 1.

A limited number of proposed site selection data matrixes are available upon request from the Prince George’s County Pub-

lic Schools’ Department of Planning at 301-952-6548. In addition, copies of the full site selection information are available for inspection on the school system website at www.pgcps.org and on the county website at www.goprincegeorgescounty.com.

Members of the public are invited to express their views concerning the proposed sites. Persons wishing to testify at the joint public hearings may register with the Office of the Clerk of the Council at 301-952-3600, TDD 301-925-5167 or the Office of the Board of Education at 301-952-6308 by 4 p.m. the day of the hearings. Written comments will be accepted in addition to or in lieu of oral testimony.

Business Leaders Return to School

Prince George’s County public school system, in partnership with the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce, invites local business, government and community leaders to participate in the second annual Principal for a Day program on April 14 in the county’s public elementary, middle and high schools.

“Parents and the business community are invited to see and experience the opportunities, challenges and rewards that principals encounter on a daily basis,” said Dr. André J. Hornsby, chief executive officer for Prince George’s County Public Schools. “This kind of partnership is mutually beneficial to the school system and the people we serve.”

The Principal for a Day program brings stakeholders into the public schools for an up-close

view of school life. Each participant, working in concert with a school’s principal, is allowed to elicit first-hand information from principals, teachers, staff members and students on the challenges faced in education.

Participants will spend the entire day at the assigned school shadowing the principal, who will follow a normal daily routine. Applicants select two schools in order of preference. If both of the selections have already been assigned, a substitution will be made. Each Principal for a Day will receive a school profile at the orientation session of their choice. For more information and an application, log on to www.pgcps.org or call Scott Hangey at 301-952-6010 or email to shangey@pgcps.org.

County Schools Offer Test Support

Prince George’s County Public Schools will offer a free six-week High School Assessment (HSA) Saturday School Retreat for students in grades 9 to 12 and middle school students enrolled in HSA courses, beginning April 9. The program is designed to enhance the academic performance of students studying algebra, geometry and biology. HSAs test the knowledge and skills in the areas of English (May 23), government (May 24), geometry (May 25), biology (May 26) and algebra (May 27).

This program will help increase academic achievement, reinforce test sophistication strategies and provide HSA support. Participants will focus on curriculum materials such as Prentice Hall workbooks for algebra, geometry and biology and public release tasks.

Greenbelt students will have HSA A++ Saturday School Retreat Centers at Fairmont Heights High School, DuVal High School and BIC/Annapolis Road Academy.

“Our A+ Saturday School Retreat for students in grades 3-8 was an overwhelming success, with participation from approxi-

mately 3,000 students and their parents,” said Dr. André Hornsby, chief executive officer. “Now, selected middle and high school students also have an opportunity to take advantage of a system-wide extended learning opportunity and further prepare for the upcoming HSAs.”

To participate in the HSA A++ Saturday School Retreat, students may register through their school’s guidance counselor until April 4. Registration forms are available at all schools in the county and can be found online at www.pgcps.org. Parents and students are responsible for transportation. The program will operate from 8:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. beginning April 9 and ending May 21 (with the exception of April 23).

HSA A++ is a component of the Test Sophistication initiative, which prepares students for overall academic achievement and success on state and national exams through targeted instruction, extending learning opportunities, vacation homework packets, test preparation and much more. For more information call Melissa Shindel at 301-952-6044.



City Information

Meetings for April 4 – 9

Monday, April 4, 7:00pm, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center, Rm 112.

Monday, April 4, 7:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Community Meeting Room. All interested persons are invited to attend. Info: 301-474-8004

Monday, April 4, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session, Overview, Revenues, and General Government, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00pm, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center.

Wednesday, April 6, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session, Planning & Community Development, Capital Projects, Community Center.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, April 3, from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

Tea and Artistry!

1-3pm HANDS ON PROJECT Make a fanciful Spring hat and gloves with Katie Scott-Childress, artist-in-residence.

2-3pm SPRING TEA Hosted by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. Author Christina O’Boyle will talk about her new book, *looking for lightheartedness*. You may purchase book and have it signed. Dining Hall-Community Center.

3pm FREE PERFORMANCE Visual comedian **Mark Jaster** will perform “The Maestro,” a classic combination of mime and music. Hailed by the Washington Post as “clown extraordinaire.”

EXHIBITION: Alyssa Dennis – Drawings, continues through April 16th. A collection of large finished drawings with architectural motifs and haunting figurative compositions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BARBARA DICKEY DAVIS AT 240-542-2062

POTOMAC WATERSHED CLEANUP

Saturday, April 2nd: 9am-12pm VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members fo the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt.

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Meet at Northway Park and follow the signs.

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 4th at 8:00pm: Council Budget Work Session (live)
Tuesday & Thursday, April 5 & 7: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Veterans’ Benefits”
7:00pm “Springhill Lake Black History Program
8:00pm Replay of City Council Budget Work Session.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 6 & 8: 7:00pm “Public Safety Spotlight”
7:30pm “Love, Sex and the IRS”

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

The Prince George’s County Senior Nutrition Program serves hot lunches Monday through Friday in the Commercial Kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least a day in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Meals are \$2.25. Please call 301-397-2208 x2236 to make reservations.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Park and Recreation Advisory Board

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION

The Greenbelt Community Center handicap ramp on the east entrance will be closed due to facility construction until approximately April 22, 2005.

The rear entrance next to the playground is handicap accessible.

Please call 301-397-2208 for more information. We apologize for any inconvenience.

NOTICE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Ballfield Light Request
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005 8:00PM
Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

The Greenbelt Park and Recreation Board (PRAB) has scheduled a meeting to review a request from the Greenbelt Youth Baseball League for lights at McDonald Baseball Field located at 7 Court of Southway Road. Interested residents are invited to attend to hear the proposal and make comments. PRAB will forward a report to the Greenbelt City Council for future consideration.

For additional information contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department weekdays from 9:00am to 4:30pm at 301-397-2200.

CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENINGS

Temporary Laborer: \$8.00/hr. Approx. 9 month period. To assist various Public Works Crews as needed. Mon-Fri, 7:30-4:00pm. Experience as laborer in public works, construction, landscaping, or related field. Valid MD drivers license. Deadline: April 8, 2005. Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel Office, 25 Crescent Road; download application from website www.ci.greenbelt.md.us or call job line 301-474-1872 for required application.

Camp Staff: The Greenbelt Recreation Department is looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who enjoy working with kids to work in their summer camp programs. Applications are being accepted for general counselors, therapeutic counselors, and activity instructors (e.g. gymnastics, dance, games). Camp operates 9:00am – 5:00pm M-F. Call the Greenbelt’s Kids Office at 301-397-2200.EOE.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Sexual Assault

March 18, 11:22 p.m., 7200 Hanover Parkway, a nonresident youth was arrested for a second-degree sex offense after he allegedly sexually assaulted a 14-year-old in a Holiday Inn room. They were both staying at the hotel during a school trip from out of state. The boy was transported to Boys Village in Cheltenham pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Indecent Exposure

March 18, 1:30 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a woman reported that she was on her balcony when she observed several juveniles in the common area behind her building. The juveniles allegedly began teasing her son, who was on the balcony with her. When the woman asked the juveniles to leave her son alone, one of them called her an obscenity and exposed himself to her. The woman then left her residence and got in her vehicle to report the incident to the rental office. At this point the group of juveniles surrounded her car and began kicking and punching it. The same youth then again exposed himself to her. The suspect is described as a black male, 10 to 12 years of age, 5' with a thin build, wearing a black and tan vest and blue jeans.

Drugs

March 18, 1:39 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Good Luck Road, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. When the vehicle was impounded, paraphernalia commonly used to ingest marijuana was located in the vehicle. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

March 18, 2:30 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana after he was observed acting in an erratic manner inside the school cafeteria. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. He was released pending action by the board of education and the juvenile justice system.

March 21, 2 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana after she left her purse in the school cafeteria at the school. A school administrator found the purse and located a quantity of suspected marijuana in it while looking for identification. The youth was released pending action by the board of education and the juvenile justice system.

March 23, 9:03 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia after he was observed in the hallways of the school during class time and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released pending action by the board of

education and the juvenile justice system.

March 24, 5:06 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license and she was arrested. Located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

March 20, 6200 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft, auto theft, leaving the scene of an accident involving bodily injury, fleeing and eluding in a vehicle, fleeing and eluding on foot, negligent driving, reckless driving and other motor vehicle violations. Police responded to a report of a hit and run accident. The suspect vehicle, which had left the scene, was followed by a citizen to the area of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. The vehicle was located by police in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway. Police attempted to initiate a traffic stop, at which time the suspect fled the scene onto Good Luck Road. The man bailed out of the vehicle in the area of Route 1 and Melbourne Place, where he was apprehended. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 2001 Mercury 4-door, had been reported stolen. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 20, Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

March 24, 9:40 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident was arrested for theft after he allegedly took an unattended book bag at the school. He was released pending action by the board of education and the juvenile justice system.

Trespass

March 22, 8:30 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass after he was observed inside the school by a school resource officer who did not recognize the youth as being a student at the school. He was released pending action by the board of education and the juvenile justice system.

March 24, 9:40 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a Greenbelt youth was arrested for trespass after he was observed inside the school by a school resource officer who did not recognize him as being a student at the school. He was released

Beltway Plaza Fire Evacuates Mall

On Thursday, March 24 at approximately 9:30 a.m. Greenbelt fire equipment was dispatched to a report of a fire at Beltway Plaza Mall. Upon the arrival of Greenbelt equipment, the mall had been evacuated. Four engines, two trucks and a rescue squad responded to the call.

Smoke was coming from the FYE music and electronics store. Compact discs and other electronic items were on fire. It took the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad five to seven minutes to extinguish the fire.

The mall was evacuated for one and a half hours. The replacement cost to FYE's inventory is estimated at \$20,000. Approximately \$5,000 of structural damage to the store was incurred. There were no injuries to firefighters or mall patrons.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but it is believed to have been due to an electrical malfunction. Heavy smoke throughout the mall had to be extracted from the building.

The alarm system was tested and a violation notice was issued to property management for repairs.

pending action by the board of education and the juvenile justice system.

Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were stolen: a black 1999 Mitsubishi Mirage 4-door, Maryland tags 7AAK28 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a light green 2000 Dodge Caravan SE, Maryland tags M647640 from the 6400 block Ivy Lane; a tan 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV, Virginia tags 2601AL from the 7500 block Mandan Road; a silver 2003 Dodge Ram 2500 truck, Maryland tags 03N300 from Beltway Plaza Mall; and a white 1996 Pontiac Grand Am 4-door, Maryland tags LPJ549 from the 6200 block Springhill Court.

Two vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and the other by Prince George's police. No arrests were made in either recovery.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Hanover Parkway, 36 court Ridge Road, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6200 block Springhill Drive and Beltway Plaza Mall.

Empty Bowls Fundraising Project Fulfills Varied Aims

by Jeri Holloway

The spirit of community was served up at the first annual "Empty Bowls Project," sponsored by Greenbelt Pottery on March 12 at the Greenbelt Community Church. Over 200 people attended and were treated to at least 10 different kinds of soup, homemade breads, tossed salad and a variety of desserts prepared mostly by members of the church. During the event attendees made their choice of a handmade bowl created by members of Greenbelt Pottery and students in the Greenbelt Recreation Department's pottery classes.

One person remarked that this was more than just a meal; it was an event of the community, of beautiful bowls, of good company and it supported a good cause. The proceeds, over \$3,500, were given to Help-By-Phone, a nonprofit organization that provides emergency food at eight different food pantries

throughout Prince George's County.

Plans for the Empty Bowls Project began in the summer of 2004 with Greenbelt Pottery member Diane McDaniel who had participated in an Empty Bowls Project in another part of the country. Member Jeri Holloway consulted Marsha Voigt of the Board of Missions at the Greenbelt Community Church. From there the idea went to Rev. Dan Hamlin, minister. Potters began making bowls as fast as they could and the cooks and helpers at the church were organized. As the basement of the church filled with people and excitement on March 12, everyone knew the event was a success.

Greenbelt Pottery and the Community Church plan to host the event next year. Watch for publicity around the time of the Festival of Lights in early December.

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company's relationship with the city. The city's policy of directing code violation fines to the center's owner even though these were actually assessed against one of the center's tenants. Although Combined Properties has been paying such fines, then seeking reimbursement from the tenant involved, they find this practice annoying. They hoped for a change in this practice.

Unfortunately that would not be possible, said Willy Davis, the city's code enforcement officer, who also attended the meeting. His office had to follow city regulations, he said, and the owner or his agent must be responsible. "We look for compliance," Davis said. He listed such infractions as missing exit lights and blocked aisles.

Halle said it would be useful to Combined Properties to receive copies of the city's directives to individual tenants whenever code violations were discovered. They would like to have the opportunity to intervene to see that corrections were made promptly.

Bus Shelters

Neither Halle nor Fenner seemed aware of the new bus shelter that had been erected on the far side of Greenbelt Road from the shopping center. McLaughlin raised the subject with some pride. Previously bus riders had had to stand on a narrow island of pavement adjacent to speeding traffic.

After working for some time with the State Highway Administration, the city was able to have a new, safer shelter erected on a bus turn-off lane from the main traffic artery. A new posted red light button that allows pedestrians to stop traffic long enough to cross Greenbelt Road provides additional safety.

Fenner noted the lack of a shelter for bus riders on the mall side of the highway. In particular, he deplored the muddy ground where pedestrians had trampled the grass. McLaughlin promised a cure: the city would establish a bus shelter there, he said, if Combined Properties would agree to landscape the area around it.

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Greenbelt Dog Training Has Record Year for Charity

by Adele Lee

Congratulations are due to the intermediate/advanced students of Greenbelt Dog Training, who had a record year in 2004 in charity events. They conducted 32 benefits and community service events in the D.C. Metropolitan area as well as 22 regular visits every Thursday morning at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C., as part of their recreation therapy program.

Monthly visits to the playrooms and psych ward at Children’s Hospital with the group of special therapy dogs have been very successful in bringing smiles to the faces of the children who are patients there. Many of the therapy dogs perform special doggie tricks and canine dancing routines. Student members of the Parade Marching Drill Team have won many trophies and awards and also eagerly volunteer for other events.

On March 13 the Greenbelt Dog Training Parade Marching Drill Team won a trophy in the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Constitution Avenue. The intermediate/advance students marched with their “little darlings,” who wore shamrock-decorated bandannas and dazzled the crowd with marching drill maneuvers and super dog tricks along the parade route.

Some of the other events the students and their dogs have participated in are demonstrations and shows at the Veteran’s

Administration Nursing Home, other nursing homes in the area, the Center for Disabled Adults, children’s special schools and fundraisers for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Allie Lee, the owner and director of Greenbelt Dog Training is a professional obedience instructor with over 35 years of teaching experience. He has trained dogs on all three levels of AKC competition (novice, open and utility). He has also judged in dog obedience shows and matches. He conducts many dog obedience demonstrations and leads the Greenbelt Dog Training Marching Drill Team with owners and their dogs.

Lee, known as “Uncle Allie,” is well known in the surrounding area for his expertise and deep concern for animal owners and their pets. He is also a pet screener for Pets On Wheels (POW), conducting over 160 free temperament tests for new dogs wanting to join POW to visit nursing homes. Lee is an AKC certified Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluator and sponsors a CGC test every spring and fall as a benefit for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department.

“Uncle Allie” enjoys counseling his students during the week and whenever there may be a question or concern about their pet. He is never too busy to explain proper pet care, knowledge of animal behavior and the im-

WASP Honored At Aviation Museum

College Park Aviation Museum will dedicate a bronze cast statue honoring the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) on Sunday, April 3 at 4 p.m. Sculptor Dorothy Swain Lewis and donor Helen Wyatt Snapp both served as members of this elite group of female pilots who ferried targets, instructed fighter pilots, transported military planes and tested aircraft during World War II. Only recently have the WASP been recognized for their pivotal role in the American war effort.

Following the dedication, a WASP panel discussion will take place inside the museum’s gallery. The dedication and panel discussion are part of a weekend-long mini-reunion for the WASP and are open to the public and free of charge. An adult must accompany all children.

For more information, call the museum at 301-864-6029.

Peters Announces Sundae Fundraiser

County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters will hold a “Sundaes on Sunday” fundraiser on Sunday, April 3, 1 to 4 p.m. at Florian Hall, Old Jerico Park Road, Bowie.

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portance of positive, humane obedience training to new callers. All dogs (“God’s Little Angels” as he calls them) benefit from a good training program regardless of breed or the age of the dog. “Training makes even a good dog better,” he said.

Betsy Barber Exhibits New Paintings at New Deal Café

Betsy Barber will exhibit her recent oil paintings at the New Deal Café during the month of April. A reception will be held on April 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Incidental music will be performed by friends and family of the artist, as well as the artist herself. The public is invited.

Barber was born in Bakersfield, Calif., the third of four children. The town lay centered squarely in the dust-bowl region known as the San Joaquin Valley.

When she found Greenbelt Lake and realized that anyone could walk around the entire shoreline without trespassing on private property, she decided that this was going to be home. The lake continues to be the happiest spot in her life. Every day she finds her way to the water, often with sketch pad in hand, accompanied by Kodoro, a Japanese Shiba Inu dog. On

Sundays she drives over to the Mt. Vernon Christian Science Church where she is a soloist. She says that she is very grateful for this time in her life when she can spend the hours with music, painting and reading.

Barber studied oil painting with Andy Reese, formerly with the Brooklyn Museum of Art; with Dan Kennedy of Greenbelt; and with Tina Tamero of the North Light Art Studio of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the mother of Dena Seidel and the grandmother of twins Jem and Ezra. Her sister Judy Davis, a talented flutist, often joins her in musical concerts and family parties.

Barber has recently exhibited her paintings at the Marietta Mansion and the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. Her exhibit at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with a supporting grant from Prince George’s County.



One of Barber's oil paintings of Greenbelt Lake.

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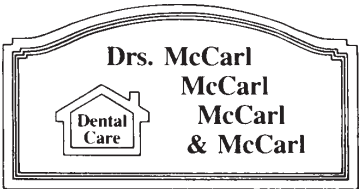


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Conceptual Physics At Science Center

A program on "The Force" (conceptual physics) will be shown on Friday, April 8 at the Howard B. Owens Science Center. Ninth graders in Prince George's County public schools are being introduced to conceptual physics this academic year. Can physics really be fun? Come learn some of the basics of Newton's Laws of Motion and Theory of Gravitation and their application to solar system formation and stellar evolution in this planetarium program produced by the Manitoba Museum Planetarium. Doors open at 7 p.m. There is a fee.

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Paul Sarbanes Will Retire from Senate

Maryland Senator Paul S. Sarbanes has announced that he will not run for reelection in 2006. Sarbanes has a long record of service to Maryland and to the United States starting in 1966, when he ran for the Maryland House of Delegates where he served a four-year term. Following this he was elected to three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and is currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. Senate.

At the press conference announcing his retirement from the Senate, Sarbanes said that he “has been guided by a vision of a decent and just America based on a strong sense of community and offering fairness and opportunity to all its citizens.” He thanked the many individuals and institutions that helped him formulate these principles and who have worked with him and supported his efforts to advance them.

U.S. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, who also represents Maryland in the Senate, described her colleague as “a man of great intellect and great integrity. He is a steadfast champion for Maryland and for the little guy”

Always noted for his role on banking issues, Sarbanes retirement elicited this from the Maryland Bankers Association, “On behalf of the Maryland banking industry, we commend Senator Sarbanes for his years of service for the citizens of Maryland and for his leadership of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs,” said Kathleen M. Murphy, president and CEO.

Asian Art Exhibit At Montpelier Center

Contemporary woodblock prints from China by Jennifer McBrien Dixon will be on exhibit in the main gallery of the Montpelier Arts Center from April 6 through May 27 as part of the Asian Pacific Heritage Exhibition. A reception will be held on Friday, May 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited.

Smith Center Hosts Class for Harpists

Catrin Finch will share her technique at the UM School of Music harp studio on Wednesday, April 6 at 10 a.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This presentation is free.

GAC Awards Made At Annual Meeting

On March 6 Greenbelt Arts Center President Doug Malcolm presented the GAC volunteer awards, which covered all the productions and programs staged during 2004. The names of the following honorees are engraved on a plaque displayed in the theater lobby: Marie Tousignant President’s Award for Overall Outstanding Volunteer – Bob Thompson; Ben Fisher Award for Technical Excellence – Roy Hammond; Ginny Zanner Youth Theater Award – Annie Loutsch and Cody Sanders; Bill Fedorchik Unsung Hero Award – Tom Jones; Volunteers of the Year Award – Jim Giese and Bernie Giese; Musical Production of the Year – Concert by Cheri Dent; and Dramatic Production of the Year – Dr. Cook’s Garden (Roy Hammond, Producer/Director).

A new board of directors was elected and installed at the annual meeting. They are: President Doug Malcolm, V.P. Administration Jeff Landau, V.P. Programs Norma Ozur, Secretary Marie Centa, Treasurer Gretchen Jacobs, Directors-at-Large Gene Duarte, Beatriz Mayoral, Denise Parker and Shirley Weaver.

Wildlife Programs For All Ages

Five public programs for a variety of age groups will be offered in the coming week by the Patuxent Research Refuge. At the North Tract on Route 198: A bird walk will take place on Saturday, April 9 from 8 to 10 a.m. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Later the same day, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., there will be a night hike to observe nocturnal wildlife such as owls and frogs.

Three additional programs take place at the Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road: “Nature Tots” will introduce children ages 3 and 4 to the watery world of frogs through stories, songs and a hike on Tuesday, April 5 at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.

A bird walk for anyone over 15 will be held on Wednesday, April 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. This walk will be repeated on Sunday, April 10 from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Children ages 5 - 7 are invited to “Flutterby, Butterfly” on Sunday, April 10 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. This will include a hike, stories and crafts which focus on the life cycle of butterflies.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

PUMPKIN

6 Fayette Place
(formerly 2 -C Northway)

Born May 1992
Died March 23, 2005

SURVIVED BY best buddy Mr. Stripes, who claimed her as his girlfriend as soon as she moved next door in May 2002. He waited for her (and another breakfast) every morning. They rubbed noses and took sunbaths together, chased each other, did cat things and often just sat, scrutinizing people and dogs taking their walks along Fayette Place. They complemented each other, both brown and black tabbys, him short haired but her with medium long hair as soft as a rabbit's pelt, which little children loved to touch and then giggle.

ALSO SURVIVED BY next door neighbors Hallo and Loki, who she usually would chase out of her yard, although in recent months she melowed toward Loki and allowed him to come on her porch.

BY Simba, Princess, Cookie and the late Angel from across the street, who allowed her in their yard to participate in cat conventions, where no one talked but all just sat, looking everywhere except at each other. BY Toby, the dog who lives with them, who she eventually learned to pretty much ignore.

BY the late Bob, who, with only a bob of a tail, never left his yard catty-corner to hers but always sat in stately pose and admired and respected her from a distance, as she did likewise to him.

BY Misty, guardian of the cul-de-sac, who patrols regularly and lets no cat pass without her authorization – although she would let Pumpkin sit under nearby cars.

BY new neighbors, the young Max and Krystal, who never learned that as new “kids” on the block they were supposed to defer to older cats. BY housemate, Jayne, who Pumpkin never got to really know.

ALSO SURVIVED BY her first love and faithful companion for many years, elder statesman and distinguished orange tabby Ulysses – together they shared each others homes, even having sleep-overs. Other friends from her former court include the late Princely, her first cat friend, an elderly gentle soul whom she once saved from a bully cat passing by. Other court pals Calico, Leo and Snowball. From the garden side Marty and Midnight, playground protector the late Sweetie Pie (don't let the name fool you), Pachem across the street and the late Colonel Furball south along the inner walkway.

DOG ACQUAINTANCES from her former home, also deceased, include Freeway, Sadie, Andy and Nikki.

LASTLY, Cousin Splash, originally from Greenbelt and later, Croom.

PUMPKIN CAME TO LIVE WITH SUE on October 10, 1992, as a kitten at age 6 months after being rescued and taken home by good Samaritan Kathleen, who had found her hanging around a yard sale trying to get into a woman's car. “Scat, scat,” said the lady, shooining her away. Kathleen quickly scooped up the little bundle of fur and cradling her in her hands, took her to the proprietor of the yard sale who declared, “I don't want her – she's been abandoned and hanging around here all week.” Kathleen took her straight home and fed her and proudly introduced her to Splash – who promptly hissed and spit and bit her in the butt. Kathleen called Sue and the rest is history that, sadly, ended too soon.

She was a life-long client of the New Carrollton Veterinary Center on Good Luck Road where she received outstanding, very caring and, at the end, most compassionate care from Dr. Patricia Boyce.



*Many people knew Pumpkin too.
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